MR. H. C. PAPWORTH: Those students who joined the junior classes in the University College, the Engineering College and the Institute of Textile Technology are given preference. These students joined the Central Colleges for the first time.

MR. N. D. PARAMESWARAN NAMBOODIRI: May I know whether their previous residence in the hostel was at any time taken into consideration in the matter of admission?

MR. H. C. PAPWORTH: Previous residence in the hostel is taken into consideration, but the authorities insist that all admissions for the hostel each year shall be regarded as new admissions.

Syllabus for the Vidwan course.

309. *MR. THEROOR S. MUTHUKARUPPA PILLAI (*Thovala* cum *Agastiswaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware:

(a) that the Tamil public of Travancore feel that the syllabus for the Vidwan course of the Travancore University is not up to the mark when compared to the same courses of the sister Universities of Madras and Annamalai;

(b) that they should not be compelled to the study of Malayalam in the course;

(c) that they wish that a Tamil academy be started under the Travancore University to coach up students in a special study of Tamil to attain the Vidwan or other high titles; and

(d) whether they will be pleased to state what action they have taken to rectify the above?

MR. H. C. PAPWORTH: *(a)* Yes.

(b) Candidates for the Vidwan Examination of the Travancore University are not compelled to study Malayalam. Sanskrit and Malayalam are subsidiary languages prescribed, of which candidates can choose one.

(c) The University will consider the suggestion when the reformed courses are brought into force.

(d) As the matter is one for the University authorities to consider, Government have passed on the Member's observations to the University.

MR. THEROOR S. MUTHUKARUPPA PILLAI: With regard to answer (b) may I know whether the Pro-Vice-Chancellor is aware that the Tamil students are not able to do full justice to the subsidiary subject?

MR. H. C. PAPWORTH: No, Sir. It has not been previously brought to my attention.

State Transport Service.

310. *MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) the number of daily services between:—

1. Nagercoil and Trivandrum.

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[Mr. K. K. Chellappan Pillai.]

2. Trivandrum and Nagercoil.
3. Trivandrum and Kottarakara.
4. Kottarakara and Trivandrum.
5. Trivandrum and Quilon.
6. Quilon and Trivandrum.
7. Kottarakara and Kottayam, and
8. Kottayam and Kottarakara;

(b) the number of shuttle services and the places between which they ply; and

(c) the average daily number of passengers to and fro between Trivandrum and Nagercoil, (2) Trivandrum and Quilon, (3) Kottarakara and Kottayam, (4) Trivandrum and Kottarakara, for the years 1119, and 1120 and for the year 1121, till Edavom 31st?

MR. N. RAMAMURTI (*Director of Transport*):

(a)	Nagercoil-Trivandrum	46
	Trivandrum-Nagercoil	46
	Trivandrum-Kottarakara	20
	Kottarakara-Trivandrum	20
	Trivandrum-Quilon	24
	Quilon-Trivandrum	24
	Kottarakara-Kottayam	28
	Kottayam-Kottarakara	28
(b)	Trivandrum-Neyyattinkara	56
	Trivandrum-Thoduvetty	8
	Nagercoil-Kuzhithura	8
	Quilon-Kottarakara	10
	Quilon-Punalur	20
	Kottayam-Tiruvella	36
	Kottayam-Chenganoor	4

(c) *Between*	*1119*	*1120*	*1121*
Trivandrum and Nagercoil	4,621	4,719	8,039
Trivandrum and Quilon	1,787	1,965	3,703

Separate figures for Kottarakara-Kottayam and Trivandrum-Kottarakara are not available as Trivandrum-Kottayam is treated as a single route for statistical purposes.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: May I know whether the buses are allocated in proportion to the number of passengers per day?

MR. N. RAMAMURTI: Yes, Sir.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: May I know whether they have enquired into the fact that there is a large number of passengers on the Kottarakara-Kottayam road?

MR. N. RAMAMURTI: Yes, Sir.

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MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: May I know whether they have enquired into the number of passengers on the line?

MR. N. RAMAMURTI: Yes, Sir.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: If so, may I know how many passengers are there, daily, on the Kottarakara-Kottayam line?

MR. N. RAMAMURTI: It is a technical question. We maintain what are called statistics of return per bus. Each bus shows an average earning of 25 chs. per mile and the charge per passenger per mile is ten cash. which gives an average of 40 passengers per bus on that route. That is the statistics which are collected every day and that gives information about the loading on each line.

MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE: May I know whether any private agency is having a service on anyone of those lines?

MR. N. RAMAMURTI: No, Sir.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: Are the Government aware that considering the large number of passengers Shencottah-Trivandrum, Quilon-Kottarakara and Trivandrum-Kottarakara routes, the services are not sufficient?

MR. N. RAMAMURTI: Yes, Sir. Measures are being taken to increase the number of services on these roads as soon as vehicles are available.

Express Services.

311. *MR. N. D. PARAMESWARAN NAMBOODIRI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the reason for reducing the number of the trips of the Alwaye-Parur, Express Service; and

(*b*) whether the Government have thought over the advisibility of providing a shuttle bus in the Alwaye-Parur line?

MR. N. RAMAMURTI: (*a*) Some trips were found to be superfluous and unremunerative.

(*b*) The matter will be considered when further extensions are made.

MR. N. D. PARAMESWARAN NAMBOODIRI: May I know whether the reason is the absence of sufficient number of passengers?

MR. N. RAMAMURTI: In some cases, yes, Sir.

MR. N. D. PARAMESWARAN NAMBOODIRI: May I know whether the member is aware that there is virtually overcrowding in the private bus service run by the Union there?

MR. N. RAMAMURTI: I have received reports about it and shall make investigations shortly.

MR. N. D. PARAMESWARAN NAMBOODIRI: May I know whether the number of trips was reduced in consultation with the party?

MR. N. RAMAMURTI: Not with the party. It was decided in consultation with the Motor Transport Controller.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: May I know how long since the increased trips were adhered to by the department?

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